HLS 09RS-1179 ENGROSSED

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 353

1

BY REPRESENTATIVE MONICA

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

PUBLIC CONTRACTS: Increases the contract limit for public works projects undertaken by the public entity's own employees

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(introductory paragraph), relative to public
3	contracts; to increase the contract limit for public works projects undertaken by the
4	public entity's own employees; and to provide for related matters.
5	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
6	Section 1. R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
7	reenacted to read as follows:
8	§2212. Advertisement and letting to lowest responsible bidder; public work;
9	electronic bidding; participation in mentor-protégé program
10	A.(1)(a) All public work exceeding the contract limit as defined in this
11	Section, including labor and materials, to be done by a public entity shall be
12	advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder who had bid according
13	to the contract, plans, and specifications as advertised, and no such public work shall
14	be done except as provided in this Part.
15	* * *
16	(d) The term "contract limit" as used herein shall be equal to the sum of one
17	hundred thousand dollars one hundred fifty thousand dollars per project, including
18	labor, materials, and equipment as per the rates in the latest edition of the Associated
19	Equipment Dealers Rental Rate Book and administrative overhead not to exceed
20	fifteen percent; however:
21	* * *

Page 1 of 2

CODING: Words in struck through type are deletions from existing law; words <u>underscored</u> are additions.

DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

Monica HB No. 353

Abstract: Increases the contract limit <u>from</u> \$100,000 <u>to</u> \$150,000 for public works projects undertaken by the public entity employees.

<u>Present law</u> requires all public work exceeding \$100,000, including labor and materials, to be done by a public entity to be advertised and let by contract to the lowest responsible bidder.

<u>Proposed law</u> increases the contract limit <u>from</u> \$100,000 <u>to</u> \$150,000 for public works projects undertaken by the public entity employees.

(Amends R.S. 38:2212(A)(1)(d)(intro. para.))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation, Highways</u> and <u>Public Works</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

1. Decreases the contract limit <u>from</u> \$250,000 <u>to</u> \$150,000 for public works projects undertaken by the public entity employee.